

Lianne Fournier Releases *The Gift*, Her Long-awaited Solo Album

Winnipeg Juno nominee Lianne Fournier's first solo album, *The Gift*, is a compilation of 10 never-before-released original compositions. Lianne creates a unique fusion of folk, blues, jazz and funk. These songs have been written over a span of 20 years, stemming from her insights of the natural world to profound love songs. Often compared to Joni Mitchell, Fournier's voice and creativity are evident on every track.



Lianne has teamed up with multi-award winning producer Don Benedictson and award-winning musicians, Murray Pulver, Daniel Roy, Gilles Fournier and Marc Arnould, (a.k.a. Ego Spank). This creative ensemble has produced an inspired combination of exceptional and distinctive sounds.

The melodies, harmonies, and arrangements are refreshingly sophisticated. Fournier's meaningful lyrics reflect her philosophical point of view and passion for life. Her catchy songs, combined with the band's infectious grooves, invoke clarity of thought and powerful imagery.

Lianne is many things: singer/songwriter, jazz musician, composer, recording artist, and music educator. She has performed with many individuals and ensembles at various venues throughout North America. Her composition portfolio includes pieces written for big band, choirs and jazz vocal ensembles of various sizes. She has written and/or performed with The Winnipeg Jazz Orchestra, The Wyrd Sisters, Camerata Nova, The Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, The World Village Gospel Choir and her former group Trivocals, an innovative jazz ensemble she founded in 1992. She continues to perform in various combos of jazz ensembles and vocal groups, from duos to larger groups, showcasing her incredible talent as a vocal improviser and composer. Lianne recorded and toured with The Wyrd Sisters from 1992-1999. The two albums she recorded with them, "Raw Voice" and "Inside the Dreaming" were nominated for Best roots/Traditional Albums at the 1998 and 1996 Juno Awards.

Over the years, Lianne's formidable talent has brought her to the forefront of the Winnipeg music scene. In whatever she undertakes, she is an engaging performer.

The album release will take place on January 18th, 2018 at Xcues at 551 Sargent Ave, starting at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 and available at the door.

Visit Fournier's website at LianneFournier.ca to purchase the album.

The Gift is available on disc and download. Contact Lianne at lianne@liannefournier.ca

"...she's a great singer. I was overwhelmed by her ability"
Jeff "Skunk" Baxter
former Steely Dan member

"Lianne is an extremely creative individual and a superb musician and composer."
Glen Buhr Winnipeg
composer & producer